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Brothers and Sisters,

I have been asked about this colorful picture-collage of President Obama and. It's true, I am proud of it, but probably not for the reasons you might think.

The evening after Barack's inauguration, there were celebratory balls given by the various states to honor the occasion. I and my wife attended the California Ball. The events themselves were really big deals. There was the prospect given that you might actually have a photo opportunity with Barack. It was an exciting possibility, but it was not to happen.

All the festivities for all the states occurred over the course of that one evening. Barack had a lot of ground to cover, and we were told early on that the states that were "swing" in the election would have his priority. Of course California was nowhere close to being a swing state. It was apparent early on that Barack wouldn't visit us.

To formally celebrate the event however, as everybody was all "dressed to the nines", there was a special studio set up right there, that the President had blessed with his own studio portrait earlier. For a price, you could visit and have your picture taken in the same setting, to make a matched pair.

And so that is how I came to be wrapped in the Red White and Blue of the moment, with Barack, on my home page. The web master had to trim it down a bit to fit, but it is a pretty nice set of pictures nonetheless. The royal blue frame itself was "robbed" to provide the deep blue used throughout the rest of the site.

I am attaching a scan of one of our Inauguration tickets just for fun. You may notice the colored fringe around it. That is there because for purposes of crowd control, the attendees were divided by colors. Depending upon the color of your ticket, you would go to the "blue gate", or the "green gate" etc.. Incidentally, the crowds were so enormous, I scouted out the path the night before. Had I not done so, I doubt if we would have been able to find our place.

Best Regards,

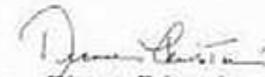
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# *Inauguration Ceremonies*

JANUARY 20, 2009

ADMIT BEARER TO WEST FRONT OF CAPITOL.

Gates open—9:00 A.M.  
Musical Prelude—10:30 A.M.  
Ceremonies—11:30 A.M.



**Dianne Feinstein**

Chairman,  
Congressional Inaugural Committee

*Ticket Holders will be required to  
pass through security screening.  
Please arrive early due to large crowds.*

**THIS TICKET DOES NOT ADMIT  
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